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REF: A. USNATO 5457 DTG 071757Z OCT 75
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1. THE IS FIRST DRAFT OF THE PERMREPS REPORT ON PHASE III
(REF A) REPRESENTS A GOOD START. WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES,
HOWEVER, WILL IMPROVE ITS VALUE AS A DOOCUMENT FOR NPG MINISTERS.

(A) THE LIST OF DOCUMENTS UNDER PART III, SCOPE, SHOULD BE
PUT INTO A FOOTNOTE OR AN ANNEX.

(B) THE REPORT SHOULD DEFINE THE AIM OF PHASE III MORE CLEARLY,
I.E., IT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE AIM IS TO DEVELOP BROAD POLICY
TO SERVE AS GUIDANCE FOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES.
THIS SHOULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED IN PART III, SCOPE.

(C) WE FIND PART IV, COVERAGE, TO BE GOOD SUBSTANTIVELY.
FOR PURPOSES OF MINISTERIAL USE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD
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BE PREFERABLE TO PRESENT THIS SECTION IN A TEXTUAL FORM THAT
IS NOT TOO DETAILED. WHILE PRESENTING A GENERAL DESCRIPTION
OF WHAT THE PHASE III EFFORT IS TO ACCOMPLISH, THE REPORT
SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE PHASE III WORKING GROUP WITH A WIDE

DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN CARRYING OUT ITS WORK. THE IS DRAFT
MAKES THIS POINT, BUT IT COULD BE STRENGTHENED.

(D) THE ORGINIZATIONAL STRUCTURE DESCRIBED IN SECTION V,
METHOD, IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY IN OUR VIEW. IT ESTABLISHES
A SMALL WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL DO THE BASIC DRAFTING OF
PHASE III, AND MAKES PROVISION FOR INTERACTION WITH ALL MEMBERS
OF THE NPG IN THE CONTEXT OF THE STAFF GROUP. WE BELIEVE THE
REPORT SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR THE STAFF GROUP TO BE REINFORCED
BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS, AS DESIRED. EMPHASIS SHOULD
BE ON CIRCULATION AND DISCUSSION OF WORKING PAPERS AND DRAFTS
PREPARED BY THE SMALL WORKING GROUP. AS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
THE WORKING GROUP, WE ARE ASSUMING THAT, AT A MINIMUM, IT WILL
CONSIST OF THE US, UK, FRG, AND SHAPE. THERE MAY BE PRESSURES
FOR ONE O THE SMALL COUNTRIES TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WORKING
GROUP. IF SO, WE SEE NO OBJECTION. THE PERMREPS REPORT SHOULD
ALSO DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERALL PHASE III EFFORT. THE
NPG ALLIES WILL PROBABLY LOOK TO THE US TO DO IT, AND WE BELIEVE
WE SHOULD ACCEPT IF THAT IS THE CASE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE ABOVE COMMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF THE
WASHINGTON PARTY CONCERNED WITH PHASE III WHO ARE HERE THIS
WEEK REGARDING THE TNF "MODERNIZATION" PAPER (REF B), AND
THEY AGREE WITH THEM.

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